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INS Arrests 16 Individuals with Criminal Convictions

CHICAGO, IL. - The Springfield office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), with the assistance of the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department and the United States Marshal Service, arrested 16 individuals, who have been criminally convicted, in an operation that took place over the past few days. Fourteen of those arrested are Mexican nationals, 1 Ethiopian and 1 Honduran national.

The INS routinely monitors the conviction data-bases of area law enforcement agencies to identify foreign-born nationals who may be subject to removal from the United States under Immigration law.

"The INS is targeting convicted criminal aliens who may be removable from the United States", said Brian R. Perryman, Chicago District Director of the INS. "It is our goal and commitment to make our communities safer by removing convicted criminals that may jeopardize the safety of our families."

The Chicago District Office, which encompasses the states of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, has removed 934 convicted criminal aliens from the United States so far in fiscal year 2001, October 1 to the present.

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